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Lata Mangeshkar has ruled over the hearts of millions of her listeners throughout the world for the last forty years by the magic of her melodious voice. Her voice is especially known for its remarkable freshness. She has sung songs, based on classical Indian music, ragas, bhajans or devotional songs, romantic songs, etc.

Her name has come in the Guinness Book of Records as the singer of the highest number of songs. She has already sung over 30,000 songs. She has sung in almost all the main Indian languages.

The Government of India has conferred on her country's highest civilian award, the *"Bharat Ratna"*. She is also the recipient of *"Padma Shri"* award. The Government of Madhya Pradesh has instituted an annual award of Rs. 1 lakh in her name. Dadasaheb Phalke Award was conferred upon her in the year 1989.

Lata Mangeshkar was born on 29th September 1928, in Indore (M.P.). She learnt her early music lessons from her father. She is unmarried and is deeply religious in her personal life.

Though it is difficult to enumerate all those films which have hit songs sung by her, the following films are worth mentioning; *Anarkali, Mughal-E-Azam, Bees Saal Baad, Amar Prem, Guide, Khamoshi, Mehbooba, Jheel Ke Us Paar, Asha Prem Rog, Sargam, Jurmana, Satyam Shivam Sundaram, Arpan, Ek Duje Ke Liye, Ram Teri Ganga Maili, etc.*



Preface

The present age is the age of stiff competition. There is competition in every sphere of life. Today, a student's intellectual worth is judged not just by the marks he/she obtains in the school examinations but also how he/she fares in general knowledge and intelligence tests. In fact, the subject of General Knowledge has acquired a prominent place in the curriculum of the modern school education. Higher education students and job seekers have to face various General Knowledge (G.K.) and Intelligence Quotient (I.Q.) tests at the time of entrance examinations and interviews. This is proof of the ever increasing importance of General Knowledge as a subject.

The book in your hands **Knowledge World** is a series of nine books on General Knowledge for students of Kindergarten to Class VIII. All the books have been written by subject experts and aim to enhance general knowledge, general awareness and IQ of the students. There is a wide variety of materials presented in this series. It also contains lessons on life skills and values which is in accordance with the latest school education syllabus. However, care has been taken that the material is level specific.

Through this series of books, the students will discover the mysteries and wonders of nature, sports, arts and culture, achievements of men and women in various fields and so on.

The other salient features of the series are as follows:

- The language used is simple and within the approach of the students.
- Clues have been provided so that the students find it easier to answer.
- Different questioning patterns have been used to break monotony and stir up the mind of the students.
- The 'Know more' section provides curious information.
- Each of the books have been divided into different units.
- Colourful illustrations provide a strong visual appeal.

We sincerely hope that the books will be immensely helpful for the students and teachers alike. We look forward to your valuable comments and suggestions.

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The World Around Us

comprises a wide array of topics related to plants, animals and birds.

From super-sniffers to electricity detectors, animals have an impressive array of sensory capabilities. Nature has provided them these sensory capabilities so that they can find food and shelter, and be safe from enemies.

Read the description and write the names of the animals.


Butterfly


Dolphin


Mole


Chameleon

1. It uses echolocation to detect obstacles, predators and prey. It emits clicking sounds and receives their echoes through its lower jaw. _____

4. It has eyespots at the tip of its arms which contain light-sensitive pigments. This allows it to sense shadows and changes in the brightness of light. _____

The World of Books

this section unveils the rich age appropriate world of literature.

In the field of literature, the contribution of women is very important. They emerged as poetesses, storytellers and authoresses of dreams and ideas—the voices which changed the face of our society.

Read the description given below and write the names of the women writers. Take help from the given clues.

Sudha Kulkarni Murthy, Anita Desai, Kiran Desai, Jhumpa Lahiri, Anita Nair, Shobhaa De CLUES

1. She is an Indian novelist and short story writer. She was awarded the Sahitya Academi Award in 1978 for her novel 'Fire on the Mountain' by the Sahitya Academi, India's National Academy of Letters. Her notable works are The Peacock, Voices of the City, Fire on the Mountain, Clear Light of Day, In Custody, The Village by the Sea and Fasting, Feasting. _____



India Unlimited

this unit will enrich the young minds with important facts related to incredible India.

From Pulitzer-winning writers to multi-billionaire magnates, from medical trailblazers to sportsmen, Indians have left an indelible mark in world history.

Read the description and write the names of the global Indians.


Lakshmi Mittal


Preet Bharara

1. He joined the world's largest software company in 1992, and has since orchestrated some of the biggest cloud computing projects in the world, all the while keeping his head firmly out of them. Presently, he is the CEO of the company. _____

2. He is an Indian sculptor who has lived and worked in London since the early 1970s when he moved to study art. He represented Britain in the XLIV Venice Biennale in 1990. In 1991, he received the Turner Prize. _____

Art and Culture

this section includes topics related to art and culture around the world.

Hollywood, a northwest suburb of Los Angeles in California, is the centre of the American film industry. Every year, many films are made here—the home of the entertainment industry.

Read the descriptions and identify the Hollywood films. Take help from the given clues.







CLUES

The Silence of the Lambs, Steven Spielberg, Fred Astaire, Jack Nicholson, Henry Fonda, Guardians of the Galaxy

1. It is a 2014 American superhero film based on the Marvel Comics superhero team of the same name, produced by Marvel Studios and distributed by Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures. _____

2. Directed by Jonathan Demme and starring Anthony Hopkins and Jodie Foster, this movie won five Academy Awards for Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Director, Best Picture and Best Screenplay. _____

Life Skills & Values

this unit aims at developing the social, emotional skills & values in young learners.

A. What would you prefer? Put a tick (✓) in the correct box in each case.

1. a. To top the class and know that most classmates don't respect you. ☐
   b. To do well in class and know that many classmates respect and like you. ☐
2. a. To come 'first' in class and do nothing else. ☐
   b. To study sincerely but also try your hand at sport and other activities. ☐

Corruption is like another bad habit—Smoking!

- It is bad for you and those around you.
- People often start doing it for fun. Both start small—a little cheating; a few puffs of a cigarette!
- Then people try to stop doing it, by which time it is already too late!
- It soon becomes a habit.



A. Tick (✓) in the correct boxes to tell if corrupt people—

1. have many true friends. ☐
2. think about the consequences if they are caught. ☐

The Magic of Words

this section intends to increase the word power in the young learners.

With the passage of time, new words, terms and phrases keep getting added to the English language. These enter the language from every area of life where it represents and describe the alterations and advances that take place from day by day. We should be acquainted with these new words.

Match these new words with their meanings.

1.	Bling	a.	A person who is not conversant with a particular activity or skill.
2.	Chillax	b.	Excessive enthusiasm for acquiring knowledge.
3.	Crunk	c.	The quality of seeming or being felt to be true, even if not necessarily true.

Young Scientist

this section familiarises the young learners about the scientists and their inventions.

The Mars Orbiter Mission, also called Mangalyaan, is India's first mission to Mars. In fact, it is India's first interplanetary mission. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) launched the Mars Orbiter Mission on November 5, 2013, using its Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh.



Because the PSLV did not have the power to place the 1,350-kg probe on a direct trajectory, the spacecraft used low-power thrusters to raise its orbit over a period of four weeks until it broke free of Earth's gravity on December 1 and headed to Mars. It arrived at Mars on September 24, 2014, and the spacecraft entered a highly elliptical orbit. The spacecraft's instruments include a colour camera, a thermal infrared sensor and a sensor for methane (the presence of methane would possibly indicate, but not necessarily confirm life on the Red Planet).

Around the World

this section will take the young learners across the world and their landmarks.

Early man lived in forests and moved from place to place. Slowly, he learned to live in groups. These groups had their own laws, grew crops and often traded with the other groups. With time, the population increased, living areas expanded and people began to live in a civilised manner. Thus, different civilisations came into existence in different parts of the world.

Read the description and identify the civilisations. Take help from the given clues.

Sumerian civilisation, Chinese civilisation, Mesopotamian civilisation, Indus Valley civilisation, Egyptian civilisation, Olmec civilisation CLUES





1. Mesopotamia, the region between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, was the area of this civilisation, one of the world's first two civilisations, the other being the Egyptian civilisation. _____

2. It was one of the greatest civilisations of America. The people of that time (around 1300 BC) lived in swampy lowlands of the Gulf of Mexico. They worshipped a Jaguar God. Hence they were also known as 'the people of the Jaguar'. _____

Playing the Game

this section includes topics different sports, sports goods, famous sports personalities.

Martial arts are practised for a variety of reasons like self-defence, competition, physical health and fitness, etc.

Read the description and write the names of the martial arts. Take help from the given clues.

Krav Maga, Kung Fu, Kalaripayattu, Gatka, Tai Chi Chuan, Musti Yuddha CLUES

1. It is an Indian martial art form from Kerala. Moreover, it is one of the oldest fighting systems in existence which includes strikes, kicks, grappling, etc. _____





2. This Sikh martial art originated in the Punjab region and was used by the Sikhs for self-defence against the Mughal forces. Today, it has evolved into a sport and is exhibited at Sikh festivals. _____

Go Green

this section aims to develop awareness for a sustainable environment.

A botanical garden is a place where a variety of plants are grown for the purpose of conservation, research and education. Here are some famous botanical gardens.

A. Read their descriptions and write their names with the help of given clues in the spaces provided:

1. It is the oldest surviving botanical garden located in Washington DC (USA). _____
2. It is an internationally important botanical research and educational institution located at London (UK). _____
3. It is located in the Curitiba, State of Parana. It is the major tourist attraction of the city. _____
4. It is a botanical garden located at Coimbra, Portugal. It occupies 13 hectares of land. _____
5. It is the largest botanical garden in Australia managed by 'The Domain'. _____
6. It is the largest museum with more than 10,000 different plants. It is located at Birmingham, Alabama, U.S. _____

Current Affairs & Answer

this section will update the young learners with their immediate present. A handy resource for both the teacher and the taught.

Bharat Ratna Award Winners-2019


Pranab Mukherjee


Bhupen Hazarika


Nanaji Deshmukh

Answers

Pg-38 Accept any relevant response.

Pg-41 1. Traveller's tree 2. Coco-de-mer 3. Bee orchid 4. Mandrake 5. Monkshood 6. Hemlock

Pg-42 **A.** 1. a 2. a 3. c 4. b 5. c
B. 1. F 2. T 3. F 4. T 5. T

Pg-43 1. Spoon-billed sandpiper 2. Secretarybird 3. Tooth-billed pigeon 4. Lesser florican 5. Juan Fernandez firecrown 6. Kagu

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Plants Habitats

A habitat is an environmental area where a particular species of plant or animal lives. Plants live and grow in different habitats.

Read the following description about the plants and write their names. Take help from the given clues.

1. These desert plants are from North America. They have a swollen trunk that stores a lot of water. They have thin and long leaves that help them to reduce the loss of moisture.



_____



2. This plant has root-like structures buried in the branches of a tree. It clings to the tree to anchor itself. It then absorbs water and nutrients from the host tree.

_____

3. This plant can survive in the harsh desert climate by staying dormant. It is leafless for most part of the year, except immediately after rain. Its leaves quickly wither after the soil dries out.



_____



4. These trees are buffers between the land and the sea. They have stilt roots which act as barriers and protect the land from social erosion due to tidal waves.

_____

5. This deciduous tree has been around since the earliest recorded history. Its flowers are pollinated by a wasp, after which the wasp dies and decomposes inside the fruit.



_____



6. This tree is native to North America and is found in almost all places in the United States. It is usually grown in gardens owing to its beauty and extensive branching system.

_____

CLUES *Sugar maple, Ocotillo, Elephant foot plant, Mangroves, Mistletoe, Fig tree*

Animal Habitats



Animals are found all across the globe. They live and grow in different habitats.

Read the following description about the animals. Then write their names.

1. This animal is one of the fastest burrowing animals. It has black and white stripes on its face. It sleeps for most part of the day. At night, it digs out other hibernating animals and eats them.

   _____

2. This carnivore has a unique way of scaring its enemies. To appear threatening, it opens its mouth wide and unveils a wide frill, which makes it look bigger. It is a native of Australia.

   _____

3. Also called caribou, this animal lives in the Arctic Tundra, North America and Asia. Eating moss helps it to keep its body fluids warm. It can lower its temperature in the legs to just above freezing point, to minimise the loss of body heat.

   _____

4. It cuts bits of leaves from the plants on which it lives. It sticks these pieces on its back, thus disguising itself under the leaves.

   _____

5. This is the only marsupial found in North America. It can eat almost anything, due to which it is known as ‘nature’s sanitation engineer’.

   _____

6. This extremely elusive animal has a very thick fur and exceptionally large paws to protect and aid it in the snowy habitat in which it lives. It has earned the nickname of ‘shadow of the forest’.

   _____



Frilled lizard



Canada lynx



Opossum



Badger



Reindeer



Looper



The African pyxie frog can hibernate in a water-soluble mucus sac for up to 7 years waiting for rain.



Animal Senses

From super-sniffers to electricity detectors, animals have an impressive array of sensory capabilities. Nature has provided them these sensory capabilities so that they can find food and shelter, and be safe from enemies.

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Butterfly



Dolphin



Mole



Chameleon

1. It uses echolocation to detect obstacles, predators and prey. It emits clicking sounds and receives their echoes through its lower jaw.

_____

2. It uses the whiskers on its face to ascertain whether it can pass through a particular space. Whiskers on its forelegs help it to get information about the captured prey.

_____

3. Its eyes can move independently. Hence it can see in two different directions simultaneously without turning its head. This helps it to keep track of predators and prey.

_____

4. It has eyespots at the tip of its arms which contain light-sensitive pigments. This allows it to sense shadows and changes in the brightness of light.

_____

5. It has special hairs on its feet that help it to taste. When it sits on a flower its feet tell it whether it should drink from the flower or not.

_____

6. Its tail has almost no fur and acts as an organ of touch. Its snout has many sensory nerves, and hence, is extremely sensitive to the minutest differences in touch and texture.

_____



Cat



Starfish



The platypus uses sensors in its bill to detect electrical impulses sent out by prey in murky water.

Marine Life



Creatures living in the sea have different shapes, sizes and colours. They are well adapted to their surroundings. For example, fish are adapted to live in icy waters, in coastal areas, on coral reefs, on the surface of the sea and in ocean beds.

Read the description given below about marine organisms and write their names. Take help from the given clues.

1. It is the weirdest looking sea creature. It is just as lazy as it looks and sounds. It barely expends any energy. Even while eating, it only gobbles up whatever just happens to be floating by.



_____



2. This strange creature is found at the Great Barrier Reef's Lizard Island. It lives in a tube. It can withdraw its tree-like crowns if threatened. Its spiral 'branches' are actually its breathing and feeding apparatus.

_____

3. It has flamboyant colouration. All its colours come from the soft parts of its body, which envelope its shell unless it is threatened.



_____



4. It is found along the southwestern coast of Australia. It uses its fins not only to propel itself through water but also as camouflage to resemble a piece of drifting seaweed.

_____

5. It is found in the Gulf of Mexico. Related to jellyfish, it gets its name from the flower of the same name.



_____



6. It tends to look like a hovercraft when it is moving along. It exudes a poisonous toxin from the mucus secretions of its skin. It tends to make a very distinct grunting noise when it is captured.

_____



CLUES

Flamingo tongue snail, Venus flytrap sea anemone, Blobfish, Longhorn cowfish, Christmas tree worm, Leafy seadragon



Economic and Political Terms

The description given below is related to some economic and political terms. Read it and write the terms. You can take help from the given clues.

1. A written statement confirmed by an oath to be used as a judicial proof. _____
2. It is the yearly estimate of income and expenditure of a country. _____
3. It is a draft of legislative proposals made by the government. _____
4. When two or more political parties come together to form the government. _____
5. It is the deliberate reduction in the value of home currency in relation to foreign currency in order to decrease imports and increase exports. _____
6. It is a condition of international trade where countries do not impose customs duties or other taxes on the import of goods from other countries. _____
7. It is the right to vote, especially at the parliamentary elections. _____
8. It is a judicial process or order requiring the person or persons to whom it is directed to do a particular act or to refrain from doing so. _____
9. It is when there is only one manufacturer of a commodity for which there is no substitute. _____
10. It is a written public declaration of the objectives, intentions and programmes of action of a sovereign leader or a party. _____
11. It is an urgent measure promulgated by the Head of a State to meet an emergency situation. It usually remains in force for a limited time period. _____
12. A market in which there are no restrictions on buyers and sellers, and where prices are determined by demand and supply. _____
13. It is the minimum number of members required in a meeting of a body or association, to make the proceedings of that meeting valid. _____
14. It is a payment for certain kind of ownership or privilege such as the payment made to the author of a book by the publisher. _____
15. It is a document published by the government giving complete information to the public and the MPs regarding matters of national importance. _____

Franchise, Affidavit, Ordinance, White paper, Coalition, Open market, Bill, Manifesto, Budget, Royalty, Monopoly, Devaluation, Quorum, Free trade, Injunction

New Terms



With the passage of time, new words, terms and phrases keep getting added to the English language. These enter the language from every area of life where it represents and describe the alterations and advances that take place from day by day. We should be acquainted with these new words.

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3.	Crunk	c.	The quality of seeming or being felt to be true, even if not necessarily true.
4.	Droolworthy	d.	Expensive, ostentatious clothing and jewellery.
5.	Frankenfood	e.	A person closely resembling a smaller or younger version of another.
6.	Guyliner	f.	A person in his teens or twenties who has an aptitude for computers and Internet.
7.	Hater	g.	Genetically modified food.
8.	Illiterati	h.	Calm down and relax.
9.	Infomania	i.	A person who is inexperienced in a particular sphere or activity, especially computing or the use of the Internet.
10.	Locavore	j.	A person who greatly dislikes a specific person or thing.
11.	Mini-Me	k.	Very excited or full of energy.
12.	Muggle	l.	A person whose diet consists only or principally of locally grown or produced food.
13.	Noob	m.	Eyeliner that is worn by men.
14.	Screenager	n.	Something that makes someone overly excited and is worth salivating over.
15.	Truthiness	o.	People who are not well educated or well informed about a particular subject or sphere of activity.



Famous Poems and Poets

Poetry is the art of weaving magic with words. It is the easiest, yet the most difficult to understand among all creative writing.

Given below is a list of poems and their poets from all over the world. Match them.

1.	Phenomenal Woman	a.	James Langston Hughes
2.	Where the Sidewalk Ends	b.	William Barnes
3.	If You Forget Me	c.	William Wordsworth
4.	I Carry Your Heart With Me	d.	Robert Hayden
5.	The Road Not Taken	e.	Maya Angelou
6.	A Dream Within a Dream	f.	W. H. Auden
7.	There Is Another Sky	g.	E. E. Cummings
8.	Life Is Fine	h.	Ogden Nash
9.	Brown Penny	i.	Jack Prelutsky
10.	A Girl	j.	Shel Silverstein
11.	As Soon As Fred Gets Out of Bed	k.	Sylvia Plath
12.	I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud	l.	Gwendolyn Brooks
13.	The New Poetry Handbook	m.	Edgar Allan Poe
14.	Funeral Blues	n.	Pablo Neruda
15.	The Mother	o.	Dylan Thomas
16.	The Broken Heart	p.	W.B. Yeats
17.	Do Not Go Gentle Into That Good Night	q.	Emily Dickinson
18.	A Word to Husbands	r.	Mark Strand
19.	A Life	s.	Robert Frost
20.	Those Winter Sundays	t.	Ezra Pound













Indian Women Writers



In the field of literature, the contribution of women is very important. They emerged as poetesses, storytellers and authoresses of dreams and ideas—the voices which changed the face of our society.

Read the description given below and write the names of the women writers. Take help from the given clues.

Sudha Kulkarni Murthy, Anita Desai, Kiran Desai, Jhumpa Lahiri, Anita Nair, Shobhaa De



1. She is an Indian novelist and short story writer. She was awarded the Sahitya Academi Award in 1978 for her novel 'Fire on the Mountain' by the Sahitya Academi, India's National Academy of Letters. Her notable works are The Peacock, Voices of the City, Fire on the Mountain, Clear Light of Day, In Custody, The Village by the Sea and Fasting, Feasting.



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2. She is an Indian writer whose novels are passionately woven on the thread of human nature and values; with a female oriented component. Her 'Mistress' was included in the list for the Orange Broadband Prize for Fiction. Better Man, Mistress, The Puffin Book of Magical Indian Myths and Where the Rain is Born, Writings about Kerala, etc. are some of her notable works. _____

3. She was born in India and educated in England and US. This writer's notable works include Inheritance of Loss and Hullabaloo in the Guava Orchard. Inheritance of Loss won the coveted 2006 Man Booker Prize and National Book Critics Circle award for fiction. _____





4. She is an Indian novelist, copywriter, freelance writer and columnist. She is known as India's Jackie Collins. Starry Nights, Socialite Evenings, Sultry Days, Sisters, Small Betrayals, Second Thoughts, Surviving Men, Spouse, Snapshots and Selective Memory are her notable works.

_____

5. This renowned writer's flair for writing is evident in her books like Dollar Sose, originally written in Kannada. Her notable works include Wise and Otherwise, and Mahasweta. _____





6. She is an Indian American author. Her debut short story collection 'Interpreter of Maladies' won the 2000 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, and her first novel 'The Namesake' was made into a popular film. She has won several awards for her work. _____



The Bard of Avon

William Shakespeare was an English poet and playwright. He is widely regarded as the greatest writer in the English language and the world's most outstanding dramatist. His works are known throughout the world.

A. Answer the following questions.

1. When and where was Shakespeare born?

   _____

2. How many plays and sonnets did Shakespeare write?

   _____

3. "O, Romeo, Romeo, wherefore art thou Romeo"? To which play of Shakespeare does this line belong?

   _____

4. The line "To be or not to be" comes from which play?

   _____

5. Name the last play written by Shakespeare.

   _____



William Shakespeare

B. Match the following plays of Shakespeare with the time when they were written.

1.	Romeo and Juliet	a.	1597
2.	Julius Caesar	b.	1603
3.	Henry IV	c.	Mid 1590s
4.	Merchant of Venice	d.	Between 1603 and 1606
5.	Macbeth	e.	1599
6.	King Lear	f.	Between 1596 and 1598
7.	Othello	g.	Between 1604 and 1606









